

all about. I do not know whether it is good or bad. I say when we see, day after day, week after week, more and more megamerge proposals in this country for large corporations to combine to become larger, inevitably it cuts away at this country's free enterprise system, because this system works based on competition. Concentration means less competition. It is something we ought to be concerned about and ought to care about.

ACTION NEEDED ON LINE-ITEM VETO

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, finally, I hope this week we can get the Speaker of the House to appoint conferees, have a conference and get a conference report, and get a line-item veto in the hands of this President. Again, if we have time for book tours and writing books and doing a lot of other things, we ought to have time, it seems to me, to be able to pick a few friends to be on a conference committee and be serious about the things many Members of Congress campaigned on.

If they believe in a line-item veto, let us decide to give that to this President right now and see if we cannot cut some of the pork in the appropriations bills moving through the House and Senate, including all kinds of lard now stuck to these bills for the districts of folks who have been bellowing the loudest about the problems of Federal spending. The problems of Federal spending seem to stop when this is their district and their appropriations bill, and it also seems to stop when it comes to getting serious about sending to this President a line-item veto that would be put in the hands of this President. I yield the floor.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS, 1996

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to consideration of H.R. 1905, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill to be inserted are shown in *italic*.)

H.R. 1905

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, for energy and water development, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related purposes.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by laws, surveys and detailed studies and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, **[\$129,906,000]** *\$126,323,000*, to remain available until expended, of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

[Norco Bluffs, California, \$375,000;
[Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana, \$2,000,000;
[Ohio River Greenway, Indiana, \$1,000,000;
and
[Mussers Dam, Middle Creek, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, \$300,000]
Norco Bluffs, California, \$375,000;
Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana, \$1,000,000;
Kentucky Lock and Dam, Kentucky, \$2,500,000; and
West Virginia Port Development, West Virginia, \$300,000.

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

For the prosecution of river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws; and detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of projects (including those for development with participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such studies shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction), **[\$807,846,000]** *\$778,456,000*, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary pursuant to Public Law 99-662 shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, for one-half of the costs of construction and rehabilitation of inland waterways projects, including rehabilitation costs for the Lock and Dam 25, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri, Lock and Dam 14, Mississippi River, Iowa, Lock and Dam 24, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri, and GIWW-Brazos River Floodgates, Texas, projects, and of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

[Red River Emergency Bank Protection, Arkansas and Louisiana, \$6,600,000;
[Sacramento River Flood Control Project (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District), California, \$300,000;
[San Timoteo Creek (Santa Ana River Mainstem), California, \$5,000,000;
[Indiana Shoreline Erosion, Indiana, \$1,500,000;
[Harlan (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$12,000,000;
[Williamsburg (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$4,100,000;
[Middlesboro (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$1,600,000;
[Salyersville, Kentucky, \$500,000;
[Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (Hurricane Protection), Louisiana, \$11,848,000;

[Red River below Denison Dam Levee and Bank Stabilization, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, \$3,800,000;

[Broad Top Region, Pennsylvania, \$4,100,000;

[Glen Foerd, Pennsylvania, \$200,000; and
[Wallisville Lake, Texas, \$5,000,000]

Homer Spit, Alaska, repair and extend project, \$3,800,000;

McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, Arkansas, \$6,000,000: Provided, That \$4,900,000 of such amount shall be used for activities relating to Montgomery Point Lock and Dam, Arkansas;

Red River Emergency Bank Protection, Arkansas and Louisiana, \$6,600,000;

Sacramento River Flood Control Project (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District), California, \$300,000;

Winfield, Kansas, \$670,000;

Harlan (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$12,000,000;

Williamsburg (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$4,100,000;

Middlesboro (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$1,600,000;

Salyersville, Kentucky, \$500,000;

Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (Hurricane Protection), Louisiana, \$11,838,000;

Ouachita River Levees, Louisiana, \$2,300,000;

Red River below Denison Dam Levee and Bank Stabilization, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, \$2,000,000;

Roughans Point, Massachusetts, \$710,000;

Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, \$1,000,000;

Broad Top Region, Pennsylvania, \$2,000,000;

Glen Foerd, Pennsylvania, \$200,000;

Wallisville Lake, Texas, \$5,000,000;

Hatfield Bottom (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), West Virginia, \$200,000; and

Upper Mingo (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River, West Virginia, \$2,000,000: Provided, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall transfer \$1,120,000 of the Construction, General funds appropriated in this Act to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Interior shall accept and expend such funds for performing operation and maintenance activities at the Columbia River Fishing Access Sites to be constructed by the Department of the Army at Cascade Locks, Oregon; Lone Pine, Oregon; Underwood, Washington; and the Bonneville Treaty Fishing Access Site, Washington.

FLOOD CONTROL, MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, AND TENNESSEE

For expenses necessary for prosecuting work of flood control, and rescue work, repair, restoration, or maintenance of flood control projects threatened or destroyed by flood, as authorized by law (33 U.S.C. 702a, 702g-1), \$307,885,000, to remain available until expended.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the preservation, operation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor, flood control, and related works, including such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance of harbor channels provided by a State, municipality or other public agency, outside of harbor lines, and serving essential needs of general commerce and navigation; surveys and charting of northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters; clearing and straightening channels; and removal of obstructions to navigation, **[\$1,712,123,000]** *\$1,696,998,000*, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as become available in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund,